

# WCTE Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

UW-Madison Pyle Center

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Nelson

Members Present: JoAnne Katzmarek, Emily Ihrke, Jacki Martindale, Penny Parsons, Lynn Aprill, Erin Schwane, Donna Pasternak, Karen S. Kelley, Tom Scott, Carol Conway-Gerhardt, John M. Zbikowski, Barbara Dixson, Emilie Amundson, Marti Matyska, Ruth Wood, Trista Dauk, Bill Schang, Bonnie Frechette, and Kathy Nelson

## 1) Call to Order

President Katzmarek began our meeting at 6:05 after distributing Minutes and other Chair Reports.

## 2) Approval of Minutes from Summer Meeting

Erin Schwane moved and Jacki Martindale seconded the motion to approve. Passed.

## 3) Treasurer's Report

Tom submitted a written report and commented on continued problems distinguishing between conference registration and dues income as well as a need to establish a fiscal year starting January 31<sup>st</sup>. Donna Pasternak questioned if the fiscal year should be associated with our non-profit tax form filing.

## 4) Committee Reports

Awards: Barbara reported that our award winning first year teacher will be attending the conference and thanked Emilie Amundson and others for names submitted for her CEE session meeting the next day.

Communications: Ruth announced her pending retirement and reported the spring '08 *Wisconsin English Journal* featuring St. Christopher Middle School was in the mail. Discussion followed centering on a combined, enlarged 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition to follow the convention. Donna Pasternak offered 17 National Writing Project articles currently ready for publication. Jacki Martindale's article for DPI Curriculum Guide was also suggested for publication.

Awards: Carol Conway-Gerhardt reported her work on consolidating/documenting our awards procedures and that she and Emily Ihrke will be handling awards at the opening session.

DPI: Emilie Amundson, in addition to her previously emailed report distributed an "Update for WCTE Fall 08 Board Meeting" and asked for feedback emailed to her. Tom Scott added his concern for ADP's narrowing bands for grade level benchmarks/standards that will impede differentiation.

Video Production Committee—Storytelling Project: Bill reported a rough copy is completed and needs contact info for Mary Sue Betski(sp.?)

## **5) Officers' Report**

District Director Liaison: Lynn Aprill reported that her impending move to second vice president would jeopardize her work begun in this area. Jacki Martindale stepped forward volunteering to continue Lynn's progress as she already travels the state and making similar contacts with Poetry Outloud.

John Zbikowski asked for input on an amendment to our By-Laws to address the need for our upcoming election. Discussion followed and the board shared its preference.

Second Vice President: Donna reported on her representing WCTE at the WKCE Test committee meeting and discussed proposed changes. She has her Call for Proposals ready for her convention next year and shared an update on her progress planning for that conference.

First Vice President: Emily Ihrke submitted an earlier email report and had excused herself to ready for the "Wine and Chocolate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event" following this meeting downstairs. Her first board meeting will be February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Old/New Business**

Tom Scott reported on the progress of the Strategic/Long-range Planning Ad-hoc Committee. He recommended it be changed to a Standing Committee. He relayed the investigation into the acquisition of an Executive Director and proposed a joint meeting of the Convention Planning Committee and the Strategic/Long-range Planning Committee on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. He also suggested the compilation of a Convention Planning Manual. More discussion will continue at the Annual Meeting tomorrow following the convention.

Jacki Martindale announced that Penny Parsons was joining her to present some informational teas on Poetry Outloud around the state.

Donna Pastenak moved, Lynn Aprill seconded, and the board unanimously voted to adjourn to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Wine and Chocolate downstairs.